

FORT MYER MILITARY COMMUNITY RETIREE COUNCIL  
C/O RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE  
FORT MYER, VIRGINIA 22211-1199

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12 August 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Myer Military Community (FMMC) Quarterly Retiree Council Meeting Minutes

1. The Fort Myer Military Community Retiree quarterly council meeting was held on Thursday, 12 August 2004, at the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH), Washington, DC. The meeting convened at 1300 hours. The meeting was chaired by COL Reginald C. Grier, Retired.

2. Attendees:

Members Present:

COL Grier, Reginald C., (USA Ret.), Chairperson  
COL Cohn, Frank, (USA Ret.)  
COL Sievers, Ralph, (USA Ret.)  
LTC Strauss, George H., (USA Ret.)  
MAJ Johnson, Andrew C., (USA Ret.)  
SGM Brown, Robert L., Jr., (USA Ret.)  
SGM McCoy, Charles E., (USA Ret.)  
SGM Mueller, Grace L., (USA Ret.)  
MSG Schiebel, David W., (USA Ret.)  
SFC Medley, Walter D., Jr., (USA Ret.)  
Mrs. Werth, Hedy  
Mrs. Murray, Joyce A.

Members Absent:

COL Howell, Leamon E., (USA Ret.)  
LTC Lemlich, Benjamin R., (USA Ret.)  
MSG Petersen, Earl A., (USA Ret.)  
SFC Wright, Joyce A. (USA Ret.)  
SFC Wright, Luke, (USA Ret.)  
Mrs. Vance, Evelyn

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Others Present:

SPC Van Fossen, Jessica, MPD  
Ms. Johnson, Earnestine, Retirement Services Officer  
Mr. Maxwell, Arluster, MPD, Chief  
Mr. Cooper, Robert, AFRH  
Ms. Colvard, Jo, AFRH  
Mr. Devans, Robert, AFRH  
Mrs. MCCoy, Mitsuko

3. Opening Remarks: COL Grier

a. The Council members were given a tour of the Armed Forces Retirement Home by Mr. Cooper and Ms. Colvard.

b. Retirees had lunch with residents of the AFRH/W and enjoyed the interaction. Residents were pleased to have Council members converse with them and listen to their accounts of service, the AFRH, and extent to which they felt that their needs were being served.

c. COL Grier convened the meeting at 1300 hours and led the Council and Residents in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by all present introducing themselves.

d. SGM Brown welcomed Tina Johnson back from her surgery.

e. Mr. Devans, Chair, AFRH/W Council stated that dental care at the Home was less than adequate. He stated that there was only one dentist for the residence and emergency and regular dental care has suffered as a result. Mr. Maxwell, representing COL Allmon, FMMC Garrison Commander stated that he would relay this information to the commander for his action.

f. Effective 1 October 2004, the Council leadership structure will be Co-Chairs vice a single Chairperson. COL Cohn and SGM Brown will be the new Co-Chairs. MAJ Johnson will assume the chair of the Ceremonies Committee vice SGM Brown. COL Greenfield will assume the chair of the Medical Committee vice COL Cohn.

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4. Questions to the FMMC Garrison Commander's representative:

a. (Q) Where is Ms. Johnson going to be located now?

(A) Mr. Maxwell - We are working with Directorate of Public Works and Logistics to expedite the progress for the old office, as for now she is located in the same building, upstairs behind the Operations Section next to the bathroom. Her phone number has remained the same.

b. (Q) When is Casualty Affairs going to accept volunteers?

(A) Not authorized yet, will continue to watch the need for volunteers.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Services:

(1) Residents of the home find change difficult to tolerate.

(2) Tenants at Fort Myer are now having a monthly meeting to determine what can be improved with the living conditions.

(3) The Army Family Action Program has their annual conference on the 8, 9 September 2004. The purpose is to address issues that the Army can possibly help to resolve for active duty personnel and their families, single soldiers, civilians and retirees. Seven members of the Retiree Council are scheduled to attend.

(4) For non-retirees there are still no commissary privileges or SPACE-A travel. This is particularly true for those who are residents of the AFRH/W.

b. Medical:

(1) Dental appointments are currently at a 6 month wait for retirees residing at the AFRH/W.

(2) Medical Committee will try to contact Walter Reed for permission to utilize dentist for members of the AFRH.

(3) There has been a Change of Command at Walter Reed and Dewitt Military Facilities.

(4) To visit casualties of the war on terror at Walter Reed, groups of 3-5 are recommended. Appointments must be made in advance.

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- c. Legislative: Committee Report will be added to these minutes when Chair returns.
  - d. Communications:
    - (1) MAJ Queen's death information put in the Retiree bulletin.
    - (2) Retiree Council Committees are aware of their responsibilities in support of Retiree Appreciation Day 2004.
  - e. Ceremonies:
    - (1) Buses will leave Spates for the ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 0930 hours. The wreath laying ceremony will commence at 1000 hours.
    - (2) There will be photo coverage by the Pentagongram at the RAD.
6. Old Business:
- a. None
7. New Business:
- a. Newly elected Co-chairs will serve effective 1 October 2004.
  - b. Retiree Appreciation Day is 24 September 2004, at Spates Community Club from 8:30 am until 4 pm.
8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1426 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2004, 1230 hours in Building 205, Conference Room 202.

  
for REGINALD C. GRIER, Ed. D  
Colonel, Retired  
Chairperson, Retiree Council

CF:  
COL Allmon, Garrison Cdr., Fort Myer  
Mr. Miller, AG, Fort Myer  
HQDA, Army Retirement Services